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Applicant(s)

BARTHEL ET AL.

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 9-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 9-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1-6 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Redd, Jr. et al (US 5,467,388).
 1. In regards to claims 1, 11, and 12, Redd, Jr. discloses a method for implementing telecommunication services in a telecommunication network (Fig. 2), which comprises the steps of: initiating a telecommunication service due to an event which differs from a connection setting-up request from a subscriber (col. 5-6 lines 63-2 and col. 13 lines 29-64); generating a virtual telephone number via the telecommunication service after activating the telecommunication service; signaling the virtual telephone number to a service provider, the service provider in turn indicating an occurrence of the event (col. 5 lines 63-65, col. 11-12 lines 52-1, col. 12 lines 21-41 and col. 16 lines 62-67); using a switching point (elements 11, 13, 15, and 17) to transmit the virtual telephone number from the service provider to initiate the telecommunication service after the occurrence of the event; and carrying out actions defined for the telecommunication service (col. 9 lines 21-42, col. 11 lines 35-48, and col. 13 lines 7-11).
 2. In regards to claim 2, Redd, Jr. discloses the method, wherein the subscriber activates the telecommunication service so that the telecommunication service receives and processes the event that will initiate it (col. 12 lines 21-41 and lines 52-65).

3. In regards to claim 3, Redd, Jr. discloses the method, which comprises entering additional information during the activation of the telecommunication service, and the additional information is taken into account during an initiation of the telecommunication service (col. 12 lines 21-33).

4. In regards to claim 4, Redd, Jr. discloses the method, wherein the additional information contains telecommunications data relating to the subscriber, and leads to a transmission of further information to the subscriber during the subsequent actions by the telecommunication service (col. 12 lines 43-48).

5. In regards to claim 5, Redd, Jr. discloses the method, which comprises setting up at least one communication link by the telecommunication service once the telecommunication service has been initiated (col. 13 lines 7-9).

6. In regards to claim 6, Redd, Jr. discloses the method, wherein once the telecommunication service has been initiated at least one telecommunication subscriber receives a notification from a data service via the telecommunication service (col. 13 lines 7-11).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

8. Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Redd, Jr. et al (US 5,467,388).

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9. Redd, Jr. discloses all of claims 9 and 10 limitations except the method, which comprises activating the telecommunication service simultaneously by more than one telecommunications subscriber. Redd, Jr., however, does disclose the method, which comprises activating the telecommunication service by one telecommunications subscriber (col. 5 lines 63-65). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ the method of activating the telecommunications service simultaneously by more than one telecommunications subscriber as a way of making the services/features available to anyone who wishes to do so or have the authorization to do so.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments filed Jan. 16, 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants state that Redd, Jr. discloses the virtual number existing prior to the activation of the service. Whereas, the present invention discloses the virtual number being generated only after the service is activated. Although the virtual number in Redd, Jr. exists prior (is stored) to the activation of the service, it can still be "generated" (dialed), as in the present invention, once the service is activated. Therefore, it does not matter whether or not if the virtual number, in Redd, Jr., exists prior to service activation, because it will be generated (dialed) after the service activation. Applicants state that in Redd, Jr. the services are activated, deactivated, and administered independently of each other. Whereas, in the present invention, actions are carried out for all the telecommunications subscribers who have activated the

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telecommunications service. Redd, Jr. does disclose the method, which comprises activating the telecommunication service by one telecommunications subscriber (col. 5 lines 63-65). Therefore, it would be obvious to employ the method of activating the telecommunications service simultaneously by more than one telecommunications subscriber as a way of making the service/features available to anyone who wishes to do so or have the authorization to do so. For example, if two subscribers are away from home for a weekend, they can both choose to have certain calls blocked, forwarded to another number, permitted at specific times, etc. for that time frame that they are gone.

Conclusion

11. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

12. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.


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13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.

14. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

15. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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